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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed April 9, 2003 in the above-referenced patent application. This Response is being submitted within the third month after the shortened statutory period set for response in the Office Action. A separate Petition and Fee for a three-month extension of time are being submitted herewith. With the extension, the deadline for response is reset to expire on October 9, 2003.

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AMENDMENTS

Amend the application, without prejudice, as follows.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this Response.